SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Flood Mitigation Program - Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services **DIVISION:** Administration - Fiscal Services

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to submit a grant application to the Florida Division of Emergency Management requesting grant funds through their Flood Mitigation Program, and authorize the Chairman to execute supporting documents.

District 2 Michael McLean

Jennifer Bero, Alan Harris

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) offers the Flood Mitigation Program to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to insured structures that have been flooded one or more times or realized substantial damage. Owners and occupants of repetitively flooded or substantially damaged structures are to contact their local government to request they submit a sub-application to the FDEM on their behalf. All sub-applications must be submitted by a local government and cannot be accepted directly from individuals, families or businesses.

Seminole County received a request from Terry Lunsford, a property owner residing at 2624 Shad Lane in Geneva, to apply for grant funds through the Flood Mitigation Program. Funds would be used to elevate his home to a level that would prevent future flooding. Mr. Lunsford is taking all necessary action to ensure eligibility for the grant funds.

The amount of the funding request will be known upon completion of the currently pending damage assessment report. If the grant is awarded, the State would fund 75% of the project cost. The local share of 25% would be accommodated by Mr. Lunsford.

As the applicant and grantee, Seminole County would be responsible for oversight of the project and management of the grant. This function would be fulfilled by the Emergency Management Division. An agreement between Seminole County and Mr. Lunsford to formalize the requirements of each would be prepared upon notification of grant award.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board consider the approval to submit a grant application to the Florida Division of Emergency Management requesting grant funds through their Flood Mitigation Program, and authorize the Chairman to execute supporting documents.

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews